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CAL SUNDAY RIDE

Sunday, February 4, 2007

Destination: Big Basin-Davenport

Departure: 9:00am

Welcome to the CalMoto first Sunday ride for February! Our February shop ride will leave from the shop parking lot at 9:00 am Sunday, February 4th. As always, the shop will be open by 8:30, for coffee and we will leave at 9:00. It is Super Bowl Sunday so we will make this a short enough excursion for you to get in this ride and still be home in time for kickoff! This month's ride will be lead by Reinhold Schmitz and we will make another ride out to the coast. The coast is always beautiful this time of year and it looks like the weather will cooperate for another stunning day! This time we will make our way over the mountains via Hwy 9, Big Basin, Empire Grade and Bonny Doon Roads to the little town of Davenport. The ride will end in Davenport at the Davenport Roadhouse and Cash Store (831-426-8801, www.davenportroadhouse.com) where you can grab something to eat or drink and afterwards extend your ride by heading north on Hwy 1 to Half Moon Bay or south to Santa Cruz if you feel like adding some miles! This ride is suitable for beginners as well as for more experienced riders, on slow two-lane paved roads only. This ride loop is slightly more challenging than last months and will be a great way to get your bike out for a ride and breakfast before settling into that couch for Super Bowl.

From the shop, we will head up San Antonio Road to Foothill Expressway South and under Highway 280. Foothill Expressway will change names to Foothill Blvd and then to Stevens Canyon Road. After passing the Stevens Creek reservoir we will continue on Stevens Canyon road. In 1.5 to 2 miles you will turn right to stay on Stevens Canyon. **(If you miss this turn you will be on Mt. Eden Rd., that's ok, just continue and make a right on Pierce rd to Hwy 9 to pick up the loop from there)** Continue another 1.6 miles and turn left onto Redwood Gulch Rd. This will take you to Hwy 9, Turn right onto Hwy 9 (Big Basin Way) and head up the mountain to SR 35 (Skyline). Cross over Skyline Blvd. and continue on Big Basin Way down past Big Basin State Park. A few miles after the park you will pass the Boulder Creek Golf and Country Club; shortly after the Country Club you will see Jamison Creek Rd. Turn right on Jamison Creek and stay on Jamison Creek until you reach a 3-way intersection. This is Empire Grade. Make a left onto Empire Grade rd. In 4 miles you will need to make a right to stay on Empire Grade (at Henry Cowells State Park). Continue on Empire Grade for about 2 miles and then turn right onto Pine Flat Rd. Continue on Pine Flat until it turns into Bonny Doon Rd. (bear left at the intersection) and Bonny Doon takes you out to the coast. At Hwy 1, turn right (north) and head up to the town of Davenport (about a mile). The Davenport Roadhouse and Cash Store will be on your right side at Davenport Ave.

Start out with your tank full, your tires checked, with proper attire for the weather and a bike which is safe to ride. Be prepared to help your fellow riders with any problems on the road. The weather can be unpredictable, so be equipped to ride in the rain, cold & fog. It is no fun to ride when you are cold and wet. Ride within your safe limits. 75% of your comfortable maximum rate of speed at most. I also suggest that you practice the basic smooth-riding exercise of riding with minimal use of brakes, lots of engine-braking, and maximum attention to smooth riding technique and proper line through the corners. Riding this way is a great skill-building exercise; it holds your attention and keeps your speed at a reasonable level. The skill set you learn at modest speeds is the same skill set that allow you to ride much more quickly on the track.

Ride Safely!

Mike Meissner